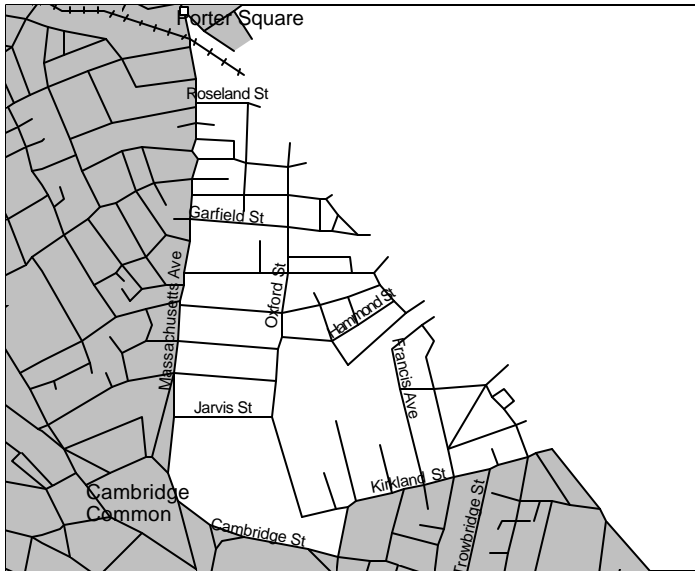
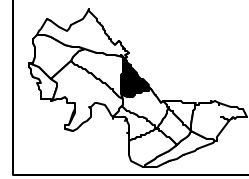


# NEIGHBORHOOD 8

## AGASSIZ



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 5,158 residents  
1,891 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

The Agassiz neighborhood continues its tradition of lower crime totals. • There have been no trends of **housebreaks** within the Agassiz neighborhood, but there was one arrest after the perpetrator attempted to break into an apartment. • **Street robbery** in the Agassiz neighborhood has been very low for the past several years but saw an increase in 2001. Although no one was hurt in any of the incidents, a gun was shown two different times and a knife was shown in another incident. • No specific model of cars were targeted for the eleven **auto thefts** that occurred this quarter. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** in this neighborhood did not produce any patterns this year and no arrests have been made. The warmer months brought forth more activity and entrance was usually gained by either smashing a window and tampering with the door lock. • Two arrests were made in connection with **malicious destruction** this quarter. Motor vehicles are usually a popular target, accounting for 11 of the 24 incidents this year. Many incidents of destruction included cars being keyed and/or having a window smashed.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

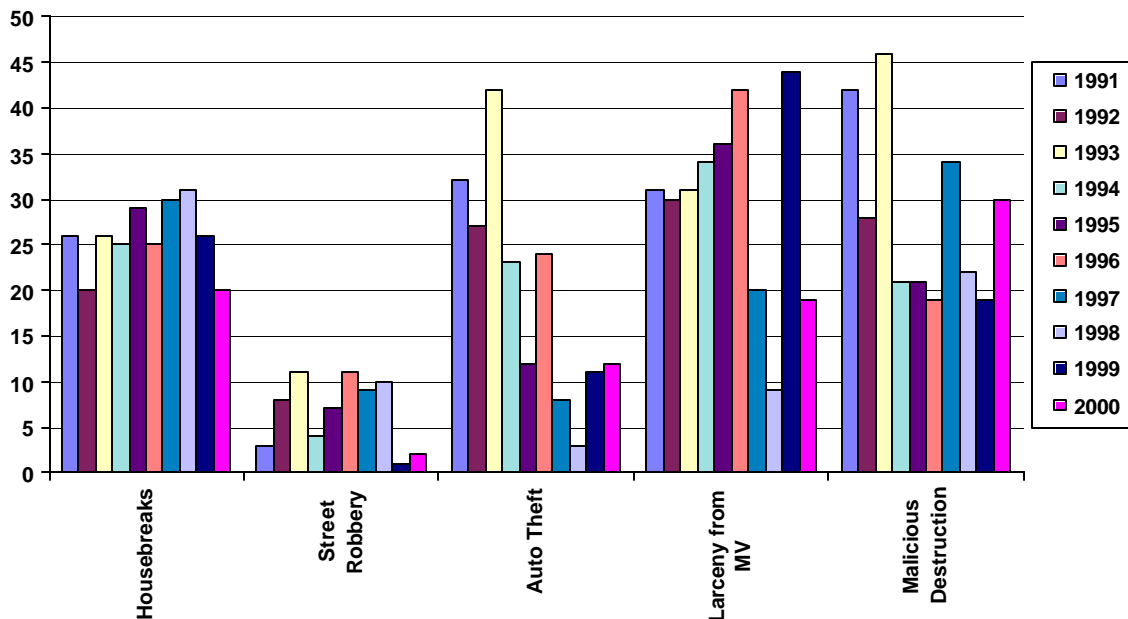
CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2000	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	14	13	- 7%
Street Robbery	1	4	+ 300%
Auto Theft	9	11	+ 22%
Larceny from MVs	17	25	+ 47%
Malicious Destruction	20	24	+ 20%
Drug Arrests	1	0	- 100%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average **housebreak** and **larceny from motor vehicle** totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for **street robberies**, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**.
- There were no **street robberies** during this quarter in 1999, but that changed in 2000 when there was one street robbery. It occurred when the suspect demanded the victim's money and also showed a silver handgun. No one was hurt and \$60 was taken.
- The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	67	8	25	10	10
Street Robbery	11	9	6	10	11
Auto Theft	45	12	20	10	11
Larceny from MVs	47	11	30	11	11
Malicious Destruction	45	11	29	10	11

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest